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OFFICER DISCIPLINE

Chicago Tribune: 4 Chicago cops fired for alleged cover-up of fatal police shooting of Laquan McDonald

The Chicago Police Board fired a sergeant and three officers Thursday night over the alleged cover-up of the murder of Laquan McDonald by a police officer.

The decision appeared to turn on the infamous police dashboard camera video of the fatal shooting that contradicted the officers' police reports.

The nine-member board found that the officers exaggerated the threat posed by the 17-year-old McDonald in order to justify the actions of Officer Jason Van Dyke in shooting the teen 16 times. McDonald was high on PCP when he refused police commands to drop a knife while walking away from officers on a Southwest Side street in October 2014.

OFFICER HEROES

Florida Today: Cocoa police officer rescues 2 victims trapped in flipped car in Titusville watery ditch

After his patrol shift ended at midnight, Cocoa Police Cpl. Kenneth Brackin returned to his Titusville home and was preparing to shower when he heard loud screeching tires - followed by a loud bang.

A white Chevrolet sedan had just struck a fire hydrant, flipped over and crashed upside-down into a watery ditch on nearby Knox McRae Drive.

Brackin ran to the scene - where he heard someone trapped inside the car banging on windows, trying to break free.

Brackin charged into chest-deep water, managed to open one of the doors, and pulled two men from the submerged vehicle.

OFFICER DISCIPLINE

NBC News: 13 Philadelphia police officers who made racist, offensive Facebook posts to be fired

Thirteen Philadelphia police officers are to be fired for making racist or offensive Facebook posts.

The 13 are among 72 officers in the city who had been placed on administrative duty after an online database called the Plain View Project shared more than 5,000 Facebook posts and comments on June 1 by current and former law enforcement officers in Philadelphia and seven other jurisdictions around the country.

Some of the posts were homophobic. Others advocated violence or were deemed racist.

DNA

Salt Lake Tribune: Rapid DNA machines have the potential to change policing, but not everyone in Utah is on board

Two printer-size machines stored at the Utah Attorney General's Office can process DNA evidence in two hours, instead of the days or weeks a laboratory analyst typically needs.

That speed is changing forensic police work, according to some law enforcement experts and the company that makes the devices.

And when the process identifies a suspect, the results will survive scrutiny in court, ANDE, the company that sells the C6 Rapid DNA machines, believes. But that is a point of contention.

OFFICER DISCIPLINE

San Francisco Chronicle: Oakland Police Commission flexes muscle in ruling to fire five police officers

In a watershed decision, the Oakland Police Commission ruled this month that five officers involved in a controversial 2018 shooting should be fired, marking the first time the 2-year-old

civilian body has wielded this authority.

After the release of the commission report on Thursday, police accountability advocates cheered the panel for fulfilling its watchdog role, while the police union blasted the verdict as baseless and politically motivated.

These terminations, however, are not final, and could still end up being decided by department brass. What happens next will be a closely watched test of the commission's will against a complex, built-in system of appeals.

OFFICER DEATHS

South Florida Sun Sentinel: Broward Sheriff's deputy killed in crash while responding to domestic dispute in Deerfield Beach

A Broward Sheriff's deputy on his way to a domestic violence dispute was killed after colliding with a pickup about 3 a.m. Sunday in Deerfield Beach.

"This morning our hearts are heavy," the agency said in a post on social media. "The Broward Sheriff's Office family is grieving the loss of a BSO deputy who died after being involved in an on-duty crash early Sunday morning. We ask for thoughts and prayers."

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

South Bend (IN) Tribune: South Bend police getting body camera upgrades to activate when gun is drawn

The South Bend Police Department is updating its body camera technology after a fatal police shooting last month in which the officer involved did not activate his body camera.

Previously, officers' body cameras activated automatically when the light bar on their police vehicle was turned on or if the vehicle reached a certain speed. The cameras could also be manually activated, which Sgt. Ryan O'Neil did not do when he fatally shot Eric Logan on June 16 in a downtown parking lot.

Now, a change has been instituted in which body cameras are also automatically activated when a squad car door is opened. And soon, technology will be added to activate the cameras when an officer's gun is drawn from his or her holster. The holster sensors are being provided to the department at no cost by BodyWorn, the company that manufactures the cameras.

CRIME STRATEGY

Baltimore Sun: Editorial: What we like about Baltimore Police Commissioner Harrison's crime plan, and one thing we're worried about

Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison's new crime plan isn't wildly inventive. It doesn't espouse cutting-edge theories of policing, and in many respects it echoes ideas his predecessors (or their critics) have been talking about for years. But the very obvious nature of some of the prescriptions the report describes - like the idea that in 2019, officers should not have to drive back to the district station to file reports on paper - underscores the reality that in many respects, "the basics" are not something the BPD needs to get back to but rather are a standard to which we still must aspire.

All in all, the two documents Mr. Harrison released Thursday - one dealing with short-term crime fighting and the other with long-term strategies and reforms - give us several reasons for hope and one big cause for worry.

PRIVACY ISSUES

Associated Press: Fast-growing web of doorbell cams raises privacy fears

As more police agencies join with the company known as Ring, the partnerships are raising privacy concerns. Critics complain that the systems turn neighborhoods into places of constant surveillance and create suspicion that falls heavier on minorities. Police say the cameras can serve as a digital neighborhood watch.

Critics also say Ring, a subsidiary of Amazon, appears to be marketing its cameras by stirring up fear of crime at a time when it's decreasing. Amazon's promotional videos show people lurking around homes, and the company recently posted a job opening for a managing news editor to "deliver breaking crime news alerts to our neighbors."

PRIVACY ISSUES

Michigan Radio: Duggan gives thumbs-up to police using facial recognition, but not "for surveillance"

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan publicly clarified his stance on police use of facial recognition technology Thursday, as his police chief tried to quell some skepticism from members Detroit's Board of Police Commissioners about the controversial technology.

"The Detroit Police Department has not and will not use facial recognition technology for surveillance," Duggan said in a statement put out on social media. "No one is watching you on any camera in this city with facial recognition software. I will not support the software ever being used in that way."

But Duggan then went on to say he supports using the controversial software as an investigative tool for police.

TECHNOLOGY

Chicago Tribune: Expressway camera program, named for Southland woman fatally shot on I-57, aims to aid highway shootings investigations

In an effort to provide police officers more investigative tools to catch expressway shooters, Gov. J.B. Pritzker recently signed into law a bill named for a Southland woman that aims to increase the number of cameras along expressways in Cook County.

The Tamara Clayton Expressway Camera Act, which honors a 55-year-old Country Club Hills woman fatally shot in February while driving to work on Interstate 57 near Oak Forest, was signed July 12 after receiving unanimous support in the House and Senate.

It instructs the Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to work together to create a camera program for the investigation of expressway shootings. Details of the program, which will be funded by IDOT's Road Fund, are still being worked out, agency officials said.

TECHNOLOGY

Reuters: Police need intercept tools as mobile networks develop: Europol

European law enforcement agencies set to lose the ability to tap criminals' mobile devices with the launch of 5G technology must be brought into discussions earlier when communications networks are modernised, the new head of Europol told Reuters.

Appealing to EU leaders for greater powers to fight tech-savvy criminals, Catherine De Bolle said its member states do not yet have the domestic regulations or technology to fill the policing gap that will open up when 4G networks become obsolete.

European police authorities are now able to listen to and track wanted criminals using mobile communication devices on the 4G network, but "we cannot use them in the 5G network," De Bolle said.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat: Santa Rosa Police Department promotes Rainer 'Ray' Navarro to be next police chief

Capt. Rainer "Ray" Navarro, a veteran of the Santa Rosa Police Department who worked to curb gang violence and homelessness over his 27-year career with the law enforcement agency, will be promoted to police chief.

Navarro, who will become the first Latino to lead the city police department, is the third consecutive chief chosen from within the 182-officer department. He will replace retiring Chief Robert "Hank" Schreeder on Aug. 1, the city announced Thursday.

Navarro, who is turning 50 soon, led the development of Santa Rosa's outreach and

enforcement program for addressing homeless camps, implemented an anti-gang program involving local schools and helped the transition of law enforcement agencies in Roseland after the city annexed the predominantly Hispanic southwest Santa Rosa neighborhood in late 2017.

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